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Bridge Replacements to Begin this Weekend, Continue Through Late October

Accelerated Bridge Construction to Significantly Reduce Delays

SALT LAKE CITY— The Utah Department of Transportation (UDOT) will be replacing six bridges in Salt Lake, Utah, Summit and Davis counties over the next several weeks.

Construction will require various weekend and overnight closures on Interstate 80 and Interstate 15 between Sept. 28 and the end of October. Recreational and weekend travelers should be aware of the closures and detours to avoid inconvenience.

The bridge replacement projects employ Accelerated Bridge Construction (ABC) and encompass building the new structures next to the existing bridges and then moving them into place using various methods. This approach, which was used on a dozen I-80 bridges last summer, allows each bridge to be replaced in days rather than six-to-nine months required for traditional construction.

The following is a brief description of all bridge replacement closures:

Sept. 28-29 Closures

I-80 westbound at the Echo exit – just east of the I-84 interchange and west of Evanston, Wyoming – will be closed for 16 hours from **Monday, Sept. 28 at 10 p.m. through Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 2 p.m.** to demolish and replace the westbound Echo Bridge. Traffic will be diverted to the off- and on-ramps. Expect delays up to four hours.

I-80 westbound leading up to the Echo exit will be restricted to one lane from Wednesday, Sept. 23 through Saturday, Oct. 3., with additional lane restrictions on I-80 near the Wyoming border throughout the week.

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Oct. 4-5 Closures

I-80 eastbound at the Echo exit – just east of the I-84 interchange and west of Evanston, Wyoming – will be closed for 16 hours from **Sunday, Oct. 4 at 10 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 5 at 2 p.m.** to replace the eastbound Echo Bridge. Traffic will be diverted to the off- and on-ramps. Motorists should expect heavy delays up to four hours. Additionally I-80 eastbound leading up to the Echo exit will be restricted to one lane from Tuesday, Sept. 29 through Friday, Oct. 9.

Oct. 10-11 Closures

I-15, both northbound and southbound near 600 North in Salt Lake City will be closed for 24 hours from **Saturday, Oct. 10 at 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 11 at 10 p.m.** for demolition of the 800 North Bridge in Salt Lake City. The northbound detour will be I-80 to I-215 or Legacy Parkway, and the southbound detour from Davis County will be I-215 or Beck Street. The 600 North southbound off-ramp from I-15 will also close on Oct. 10 for about two months.

Oct. 17-19 Closures

I-15, both northbound and southbound at Main Street in American Fork will be closed for eight hours from **Saturday, Oct. 17 at 10 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 18 at 6 a.m.** to replace the American Fork Main Street Bridge over I-15. Main Street will also be closed from I-15 to State Street. I-15 traffic will be diverted through the interchange's off- and on-ramps. Motorists should expect heavy delays.

I-15 southbound at Main Street in American Fork will be closed for eight hours from **Sunday, Oct. 18 at 10 p.m. through Monday, Oct. 19 at 6 a.m.** to finish replacing the American Fork Main Street Bridge over I-15. Main Street will also be closed from I-15 to State Street. Main Street will also be closed from I-15 to State Street. Southbound I-15 traffic will be diverted through the interchange's off- and on-ramps. Motorists should expect heavy delays.

I-80 eastbound from State Street to 2300 East in Salt Lake will be closed for 18 hours from **Saturday, Oct. 17 at 8 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 18 at 2 p.m.** to replace the eastbound 2300 East Bridge. The detour east to Parleys Canyon will be I-15 to I-215 East where it reconnects with I-80.

Oct. 24-25 Closures

I-80 westbound at 2300 East in Salt Lake City will be closed for 18 hours from **Saturday, Oct. 24 at 8 p.m. through Sunday, Oct. 25 at 2 p.m.** to replace the westbound 2300 East Bridge. The detour to connect to I-15 will be I-215 East.

Both I-15 northbound and southbound near the Beck Street exit in North Salt Lake will be closed for 24 hours from **Saturday, Oct. 24 through Sunday, Oct. 25.** The southbound detour from Davis County will be I-215 West or Beck Street and the northbound detour will be I-80 to I-215 or Legacy Pkwy.

Dates and times are subject to change because of weather or equipment failure. For more information, motorists should visit www.UDOT.Utah.Gov/KnowWhereKnowWhy.